



DUPAGE

WOODWORKERS

Learning by Sharing the Art of Woodworking



## Calendar

### DPWW Regular Meetings

Usually the Third Monday at  
[St. James in Glen Ellyn](#)

- **March 15** via Zoom
- **April 19** via Zoom
- **May 17** via Zoom

### DPWW Board Meetings

Usually the First Monday at  
[St. James in Glen Ellyn](#)

- **April 5** via Zoom
- **May 3** via Zoom
- **June 7** via Zoom

### Future Activities

- **March 20**  
**Sawdust in Your Coffee**  
[Online - See Page 4](#)  
All other activities have been  
Cancelled

### Programs

- **March 15**  
**Making Signs - Mike Perry**  
We will have FOW.



## President's Message

February 2021

I heard nothing but great comments regarding *Alex Snodgrass*' presentation on setting up and using a bandsaw along with making a simple bandsaw box. I look forward to similar professional presentations such as this including one on finishing in April by *Jim Heavey* with Wood magazine and The Woodworking Shows. If you have attended any The Woodworking

Shows in the past I am sure you have seen Jim. I also look forward to member *Mike Perry*'s presentation this month on sign making. Again, I always hear positive comments when one of our members shows us how to make something. We will also have a From Our Workshop portion during our March meeting. Be sure to submit what you have been working on.

[St. James, our sponsor](#), will be having a spring auction (date to be determined). So, I would like to encourage you to make items that can be auctioned to help support them during these challenging times. I will let you know more about when and how these items will be collected once I have more information from [St. James](#).

I also plan on collecting [Beads of Courage boxes](#) in June to deliver to Advocate Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn. Hopefully, we can again provide a number of boxes to children undergoing extensive medical and surgical procedures to help them through this process. Information about making the boxes can be found on page 5 at the following link: <http://www.beadsofcourage.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-AAW-handout-guidelines.pdf>

Thanks for your continued support of the club. Please feel free to reach out to me or anyone else on the board about concerns/questions/suggestions you might have. This is your club and you make it what it is.

**George Rodgers 708-623-9038**  
**[GLRodgers@comcast.net](mailto:GLRodgers@comcast.net)**

## DuPage Woodworkers Board Meeting (via Zoom)

March 1, 2021

*George Rodgers* opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present were Jim Harvey, Bruce Kinney, Whit Anderson, Mike Perry, Bill Hoffman, Mike Kalschuer, Lee Nye, Mark Wieting, Tony Evansky, Jeff Kramer, Peter D'Attomo, Tom Olson, and Jerry Johnson.

The minutes and treasurer's report were both approved.

**President's Communication** – *Charlie Scheffel* passed away. He was a charter member of the club.





## Standing Committee Reports

Membership (**Mike Kalscheur**) – Eight new members joined in February. The membership is continuing at a good pace. Thirty new have signed up since last October when the current drive began. Eighty-seven percent of the 2020 members have renewed.

Library (**Tom Olson**) -- Chip carving books have been acquired and cataloged. They will be available as soon as we gain access to the church to add them to the library.

Prizes (**Bruce Kinney**) -- Nothing to report.

Publicity (**Keith Rosche**) -- No report.

Toys (**George Rodgers**) – Nothing to report.

Newsletter (**Jim Harvey**) -- The project to digitize 1995 – 2005 newsletters has been completed. **Jim Harvey** has them on the web site. The newsletters came from a collection maintained by **Jerry Johnson**.

From Our Workshop (**Lee Nye**) -- Peter has two Rockler gift cards which will become future FOW prizes.

Activities (**Jeff Kramer**) -- Nothing to report.

Programs (**Mark Wieting, Jeff Kramer**) – A strong program is already been established with subjects covering Finishing, Clamping, Pyrography, Toy Building, and CNC.

A/V (**Mike Perry**) -- Mike continues to find ways to make our A/V capability more professional and easier to deliver a high-quality product to our members. (See item under new business.)

Web (**Whit Anderson**) – **Mark Jundanian** and **Bill Hoffman** hosted the February general. Thank you very much. About 71 people attended the meeting. About 14 people came to our February Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting. The next Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting will be at 10:00 am on Saturday the 20th of March.

## Old Business

**-Non-Profit Status:** It's going to take a little longer to finish this task due to the IRS and the acquisition of an EIN number.

## New Business

**-Add “My Workshop” to meetings:** Jeff proposed that we add a new feature: “My Workshop” by offering it via video. This will allow our members to share pictures/videos of their workshop with the rest of the club. We have the technology but logistics may be an inhibitor. George asked Whit to take the lead in deciding how to do this.

**-Future meetings—add Zoom to live meetings?** There was a lengthy discussion about future meetings, after it becomes safe to meet in person and after St. James allows us to meet there. This might be long time from now, but when we can meet in person, should we also offer a Zoom version for those who choose not to participate? It was noted that people attend the meetings for various reasons, among them an interest in the topic, the ability to see From Our Workshop pieces up close, and the fellowship our meetings provide. The board will continue to examine this issue.

**Jerry Johnson**  
Secretary



## DPWW April 19 General Meeting - Finishing

**Presented by Jim Heavey**

**Jim Heavey, a specialist in finishing** will be discussing various aspects of finishing; types of finish, when and how to apply them. He will also discuss fixes for common finishing issues as well.

We are seeking your input to help Jim frame his presentation. If you have any specific finishing topics you would like him to discuss or have any questions related to finishing, please send them to **Jeff Kramer**, DPWW Programs Co-Chair (**kramer123@hotmail.com**) by **Friday, March 12, 2021**. He will then forward them on to Jim. We will also be taking questions during Jim's presentation through the Zoom Chat and Audio functions.



## February Meeting Recap



Our presenter in February was Bandsaw guru, [Alex Snodgrass](#). Alex is a representative for [Powermatic](#) and for [Carter Products](#), is active on [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#). Alex holds many bandsaw related patents. He worked through aligning and tensioning a bandsaw blade properly using the Carter guides and Carter Stabilizer, then did one of his trademark reindeer in about 30 seconds to prove the blade setup worked.

The second part of Alex's presentation was creating a bandsaw box. He talked through and demonstrated the many layers in the process including putting Flock on the inside of the drawers. There were many useful tips shown, and Alex gets special points for creative use of magnets in his jigs and fixtures. Even his pencil!

-- Jim Harvey



## Membership News



The DuPage Woodworkers Club has seen a surge in membership the past couple months. Because members' woodworking experience and interests are many and varied, it's always a challenge to provide all members what they want to gain from the Club. Take advantage of

the Club benefits already provided, and please let the Board members know what you want to gain from your membership.

Social interaction during club meetings is certainly preferred over Zoom meetings, though virtual presentations from very experienced woodworkers was not usually possible pre-pandemic. The restart of in-person Club meetings looks promising sometime in second half of 2021. This decision will be largely determined by the St. James Parish in Glen Ellyn and covid-related requirements for large group meetings in their buildings.

Most new members have learned about DuPage Woodworkers through either an internet search, by word-of-mouth, or from local woodworking stores such as Rockler Woodworking and Woodcraft. Please welcome the following eight (8) new members who have joined the Club since last month's newsletter.

- **Bryan Deaton** resides in Downers Grove and learned about the club from the website.

- **Carter** and **States Mead** are from Naperville. Their woodworking interests are woodturning, scroll sawing and CNC milling.
- **Michael Fornaciari** lives in Algonquin, and is interested in wood turning and scroll sawing.
- **Patricia McGrath** lives in Lombard, and is very interested in scroll sawing.
- **Joe Kotowski** is from Oak Lawn, and is interested in furniture, turning and carving.
- **John Zelasco** lives in Glen Ellyn, and enjoys home carpentry projects and any project that includes a table saw and router. He has recently been working on built-in cabinets and trim work.
- **P.J. Hoffman** resides in Glen Ellyn and is interested in building furniture.

**Thank you to those members who have renewed their 2021 club membership by paying annual dues. These dues help the club to better plan for future programs and activities in 2021. Most members who have NOT renewed their 2021 membership by submitting their \$25 dues are removed from the membership roster and will NOT be receiving club-related emails such as Zoom meeting invitations. If you're not certain of renewing your club membership for 2021, and want to continue participating in the club, please contact the Membership Chair.**

**Mike Kalscheur**  
[membership@dupagewoodworkers.org](mailto:membership@dupagewoodworkers.org)





## Have you been to school?

Many of us woodworkers are self-taught, or learned from a relative, or learned the hard way by making mistakes. But others have gained important knowledge or skills by going to school. Have you?

**Mark Wieting** and **Jeff Kramer**, co-chairs for programs, are considering a session on woodworking schools and would like club members to share their experiences at any of the various schools available in the Midwest—or even elsewhere. They'd like to hear from you about where you went, what course you took, your thoughts about value for the money, and any tips you might have for other members thinking about a masters or even a PhD in woodworking. Weekend courses, week-long or even two-hour seminars would be of interest.

If you'd like to participate, please email Mark at [mark.wieting@gmail.com](mailto:mark.wieting@gmail.com) or Jeff at [kramer123@hotmail.com](mailto:kramer123@hotmail.com).

## Borrow Tools

Don't forget that one benefit of being a member of the DuPage Woodworkers is that we have tools you can borrow. Our Work Sharp has been upgraded with a knife and scissor sharpening attachment. The scroll saw, moisture meter, metal detector, Work Sharp, 12" planer, and Drill Doctor are available to members by contacting **Wayne Maier** at 630-303-1341.

## Sawdust in Your Coffee

Sawdust in Your Coffee is an informal Zoom meeting for members of the DuPage Woodworkers. Sawdust in Your Coffee is intended to replace, during the COVID lockdown period, the question and answer portion of our DPWW meetings.

About 14 people showed up to talk informally about woodworking at our February Sawdust in Your Coffee meeting. Some of the topics discussed were:

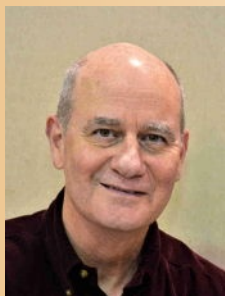
- Introductions
- Shelix head in a jointer
- Biscuit jointer jig
- Who works on machines, set up. Is there someone to hire.
- Moving equipment around your shop without messing up the settings and calibrations.
- Glueing up in sections or all at once
- Bandsaw discounts, and customer support at Carter

There is usually no agenda for the meeting. I hope you will join the next meeting, March 20th, at 10:00 am. Bring questions, projects you are working on, and/or a cup of coffee. Expect the usual Zoom invitation.

**Whit Anderson**

[web@dupagewoodworkers.org](mailto:web@dupagewoodworkers.org)

## March15 DPWW Zoom Meeting: Making Signs Presentation



Perhaps a glutton for punishment, our own **Mike Perry** volunteered to make 20 speed limit signs for the summer community where he has a home in northern Michigan. He's crafting these signs in cedar for durability and a rustic look.

Mike will discuss design features of the signs. He'll demonstrate his process of making templates and using his plunge router to incise the signs and discuss the appropriate bits and bushings. The final touch is painting the signs for maximum visibility.

Even if you're not a sign maker, you should be able to pick up a tip or two that would be applicable to any job requiring a router.

There will also be a brief demonstration of the [LaserPecker Pro laser engraver](#).

Members will receive the usual Zoom invitation via EMail before the meeting.

We expect to have **From Our Workshop** at the March meeting.



## Got a Question? (or an Answer?)

If you've got a woodworking question you want answered, try the DuPage Woodworkers' online forum - go to [\[https://dupagewoodworkers.org/bbs/\]](https://dupagewoodworkers.org/bbs/) or access via "Members only" on the [dupagewoodworkers.org](https://dupagewoodworkers.org) home page. There are many topic areas where you can ask your question.

This past week there has been some discussion on how to fix a cracked bowl.

If you aren't signed up yet you can easily do so. The first topic in the forum is "Questions About How to Use This Forum." Check there for how to register. You can also check there to see how to get a daily email digest. With the digest you don't have to check daily to see if there's been a new posting. The forum will tell you when there is something new.

**Whit Anderson**



## Logo Clothing

One of our newest members, a 15 year old, received his DPWW club polo shirt. His shirt was delivered from stock. He is now ready to be recognized as a club member when we open Wood Shows and Club events and tours. I am available if you have

an interest in a shirt or hat with the stylish embroidered DPWW club logo. It requires a quantity of 6 to order from our supplier if it is not in the club stock. Don't wish that you had purchased sooner. Call Carl at 630-251-3106.

**Carl Shaffer** <harleypop99@att.net>



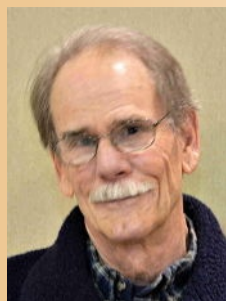
## FOW Prizes - March 2021

Three Rockler gift cards will be our FOW prizes at the March Zoom meeting.

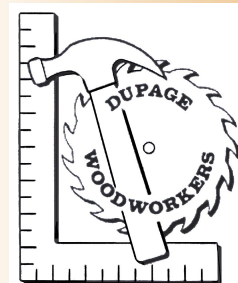
**Lee Nye**  
**FOW Chairman**



## Internet Woodworking Link of the Month



Our link this month is the [Newsletter section of our own web site](#). At the February board meeting, **Jerry Johnson** mentioned he was doing research into the early days of DPWW in his collection of old newsletters. It turns out Jerry has a complete set from issue 1, volume 1 through 2005. Our web site archives start with issues from 2006. We negotiated with Jerry to borrow his collection to which he consented and even delivered the binder.



I scanned these eleven years at 100 dots per inch which gives reasonable quality and a small file size. Scans were assembled into composite PDF files by year. Whit Anderson added a month index to each file and inserted all 11 into the club web page. The newsletter grew from 2 pages per month in 1995 to 6 pages by 2003, so the PDF files range from 4.7 MB to 12.5 MB, not too bad to download.

So now we can answer the club's burning questions such as "Just *how* long has **Jerry Johnson** been secretary?" and "Did **George Rodgers** ever have hair?"

I hope you enjoy this trip down memory lane. I found the club activities mostly the same as in recent years.

**Jim Harvey**





## From Our Workshop January 2020 - Click to Enlarge

These projects, projects in progress and many more can be seen on your [club's Gallery Web Page](#). These projects will be shown at the February and March meetings, and there will be a [prize drawing](#).

While our Dupage Woodworker meetings are held via Zoom, you can submit photos of your current projects to **Mike Perry** and **Lee Nye** [via Google Forms](#) for inclusion in next month's newsletter and they will be featured in the online From Our Workshop.



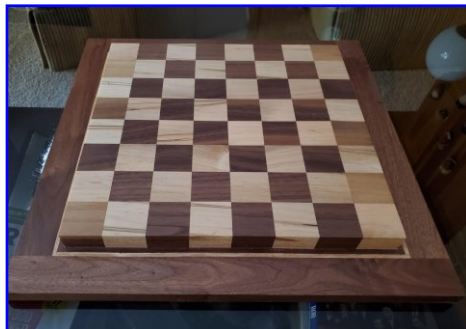
**Will Richards - Snowman and Toucan Puzzles**  
Maple - Danish Oil



**Bill Hoffman - Picture Frame**  
White Oak, Maple - Fumed & Shellaced



**Tom Olson - Maple Bowl**  
Spalted Maple - CA Glue



**Al Cheeks - Checker Board**  
Walnut, Ambrosia Maple - Poly



**Gordon Brand - Segmented Vessel**  
Maple, Walnut - Mahoney Oil



**Gordon Brand - Charcuterie Board & Mini Forks**  
Maple, Oak, Cherry - Manhoneys



**Al Cheeks - Race Car**  
Hard Maple - No Finish



**Tom Olson - Chip Carved Clock**  
Basswood - Gel Stain & Shellac

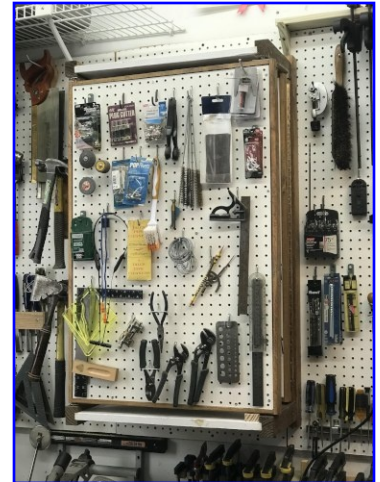




**Tom Olson - Tiered Tray**  
Maple, Walnut, Mahogany - CA



**Tom Olson - Ring Box**  
Poplar - CA Glue



**Mark Wieting - Pegboard Tool Chest**  
Pegboard, Pine - Deft



**Tim McAuley - Step Stool**  
Ash - Painted



**Tim McAuley - DIY Tool Box**  
Maple - No Finish



**Marqus McPherson - Heart**  
Misc Material - No Finish



**Don Burgeson - Chesapeake Skiff**



**Jerry Kuffel - Lazy Susan**  
Pine, Motor - Spray Paint



**Al Cheeks - Coasters**  
Purpleheart - Gel Poly





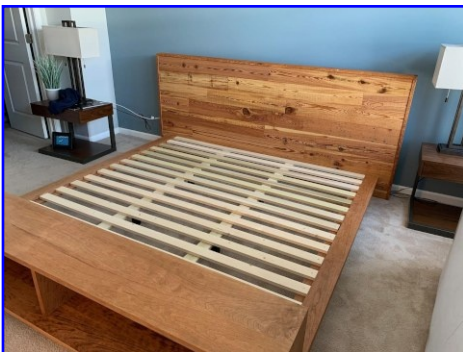
**Marqus McPherson - Project  
Misc Wood - No Finish**



**Mark Wieting - Chess Set  
Maple, Purpleheart - Danish Oil**



**Rick Ogren - Clocks  
Cherry - Gen Fin Candlelite Stain**



**Paul Colombo - Platform Bed  
Cherry, Barnwood - Watco Oil**



**Al Cheeks - Keepsake Box  
Ambrosia Maple - Gel Poly**



**George Rodgers - Side Table  
Canary Wood, Cherry - Poly,  
Waterlox**



**Bob Bakshis - Ireland Box  
Oak - Poly**



**Kevin Loewe - Lamp, Side  
Table  
Conifer Burl, Black Limba, Cast  
- Poly**



**Lee Nye - Display Shelf  
QS White Oak, Ply - Arm-R-Seal  
Poly**